



*Although Myer's use of a balloon for tactical purposes (see story on page 30) may not have "gone over" too well at first, the idea was one the Army "picked up" on. The merits of using balloons for artillery observation were well known during World War I, as illustrated by this 1918 scene at Brooks Field near San Antonio, where training was conducted. In April 1918, the Army had 2 balloon companies in use against the enemy. By Armistice Day, 89 balloon companies and 751 balloon officers had been trained by the Army. (photo courtesy of Mr. Fred Hoffman, Cottonwood, AZ)*